

10 information thereon and transmitting it to the single output port thereof.--

--34. The method of Claim 33, wherein the first functionality comprises a keyboard port and a second functionality comprises an optical scanner operation for scanning the coded symbol, which coded symbol is an optical symbol.--

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

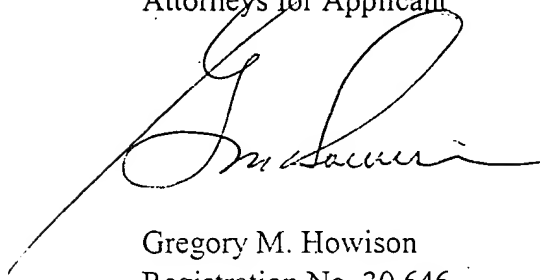
Please delete the entire Abstract of the Disclosure in the present application, and insert therefor:

--An input device for allowing input of a unique digital code to a user's computer to control access thereof to a web site. A method for connecting a user computer at a first location on a network with a second location on the network through use of a coded symbol having contained therein encoded information associated with routing information on the network to the second location thereover is disclosed. The encoded information is
 5 extract from the coded symbol and then decoded to provide decoded information. The decoded information is input to a defined port on the user computer which has an existing first functionality associated with the operation of the user computer which is not the same functionality as the step of inputting the decoded information. The input operation of the
 10 encoded symbol comprises a second functionality, with the port of the user computer operable to accommodate for both the first and second functionality during operation thereof. The operation under the second functionality when decoded information is input to the port is then detected. In response to detection of the input of the encoded information, the user computer is connected to the second location utilizing the decoded information.--

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